

KAPS Executive Committee Meeting
2/4/94

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jennie Ewald, Bob Kruger, Mike Simpson, Lyn Lawrence, Sharla Fasko, Mary Forbes, Connie Adams, Paul de Mesquita, Lesa Billings, Pat McGinty, Shelly Tisdale, Jennifer Elam, Joseph Bargione, Michael Kieta, Sharon Kieta, Jim Batts, Ray Roth. Meeting call to order at 1:15 p.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes from the last EC meeting were reviewed. A correction was made regarding each region offering an award at the state convention. A motion was made with the correction added, seconded, and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ray Roth reported that KAPS received a \$2,000.00 check from KDE to help pay for the convention. As of this date we have a CD worth \$2,500.00 and \$10,280.00 in a checking account for a total of \$12,780.

Topic # 1: Legislative Issues

KAPS representatives had a meeting with the individuals pushing the Counselor's bill in the legislature. We expressed our concerns about certain language in portions of the bill. Although the individuals behind the bill listened to our concerns, they decided to move forward with the bill as is. As of this date, they are trying to find a sponsor for the bill. A number of bills focusing on the increase of violence in schools and the need to create safe schools were introduced. Questions were raised about school districts having access to court records of students and how they would use that information. Additional concerns about the confidentiality of psychological and educational data were discussed in light of FERPA.

Being in the middle of a legislative session it is important for KAPS to be familiar with pending legislation that could effect children and families, and indirectly KAPS members. At the current time, Connie Adams tries to stay current with any developments in the legislature. However, it is too much for one member to be responsible for monitoring

and providing information to the KAPS membership. There is no formal process in place for KAPS to set legislative priorities and provide feedback to members. During the discussion, it was brought up that that the EC could contact the regional representatives, who in turn would distribute information to the members. The use of fax machines may make this process more efficient.

Topic # 2 Five Year Planning Goals

The last five year plan submitted by Bob Kruger was discussed. Progress was reported in reaching certain goals, while work needed to continue in certain areas. With the changing environment that school psychologists are working in, it was decided that a retreat should be set up to review our five year plan. EC members and regional representatives, and any interested KAPS members would be welcomed to participate in the retreat. Sharon Kieta will contact Wayne Young (executive director of KASA) to see if he would serve as a facilitator in helping us develop a workable five plan. The retreat will be held in late June at one of the state parks. Sharon Kieta will make the arrangements with a state park facility.

Topic # 3: Update Operations and Procedural Manual

Does the OPM need to be updated? It was decided that the each section pertaining to office positions (i.e., president, president-elect, secretary) will be sent to the individuals holding those positions currently. Those individuals would be responsible for reviewing the functions of the positions and provide feedback if changes need to be made. After the individuals make their suggestions, they will be sent to Sharon Kieta and be discussed at the retreat held in June.

Topic # 4: Status of Awards Committee

Mike Kieta reported that each region will continue to provide an award in addition to the specialty area awards for the state. All award winners will be eligible for the School Psychologist of the Year Award. Members participating on the committee to determine the school psychologist of the year are the president,

president-elect, past president, and previous award winner.

Topic # 5: School Psychology Council Update

Lesa Billings reported that there was no fourth quarter meeting held. The next meeting was scheduled for mid March. The money for the school psychology innovative grants winners was sent out in 12/93. The four districts that received the grants were: Scott County, Russell County, Paducah Independent, Covington Independent.

Topic # 6: NASP Convention

Members discussed who should attend the convention representing KAPS and how much money would be allocated to help defray the cost to the members who were chosen. After a discussion, it was decided that the president-elect and chairperson of the legislative committee would each be given up to \$500.00 to help defray their costs. Ray Roth made a motion, it was seconded by Joseph Bargione, and it passed.

Topic # 7: Committee Reports

A discussion was held concerning what KAPS should contribute to the Children's Defense Fund at the NASP convention. It was decided that Jim Batts will buy something worth up to \$35.00 and give it to the auction. A motion was made, seconded, and passed. Paul de Mesquita representing the KERA committee reported that KAPS will need to better define the actual services school psychologists provide and how they fit into KERA. The services will need to be easierly understood by our educational colleagues who are not school psychologist. The PR committee reported that the t-shirts were a big hit at the last KAPS convention. They will try to get brochures from NASP describing what school psychologists are and what services they provide within a school district. Comments were made that the KAPS newsletter is a good vehicle to distribute information to the members. A general discussion was held regarding the new LD regulations. It was reported that KDE is working on expanding the tables.

Topic # 8: Scheduling next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for June 24, 1994.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed.

Joseph Bargione
KAPS Secretary